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Congregational Cazadero Camps

Our second season at Congregational Cazadero has just closed, with a total of 644 campers and leaders attending a full week at the ten camps. In addition to these there was the San Joaquin area Pilgrim Fellowship camp at Lake Sequoia.

At Cazadero the summer began with five area P.F. camps for high school young people. Then followed the Family Camp, with a week of inspiration and fellowship for adults and family groups. In August two Junior High Camps, directed by Rev. Henry Hayden and Rev. James Price, were full of enthusiasm.

State Pilgrim Fellowship Camp, at the end of August, represented the largest group ever entertained at Cazadero, with 126 as the top figure fed and housed. 14,458 meals were served by our capable cook, Mrs. Ivy Alexander, and our Manager, Clarence Young.

Considerably over $1000 was given in offerings for War Victims and Missions during the camps, as one indication of the spirit of the campers. Five hundred ten dollars of this was given at State P.F. Camp. The young people of Pilgrim Fellowship adopted a budget of $5200 for the coming year.

One of the high points of the camp season came at the closing campfire of State P.F. Camp as 16 young people, without any emotionalism or pressure, stepped forward to kneel at the rustic altar in dedication of their lives to Christian Service in the Church.

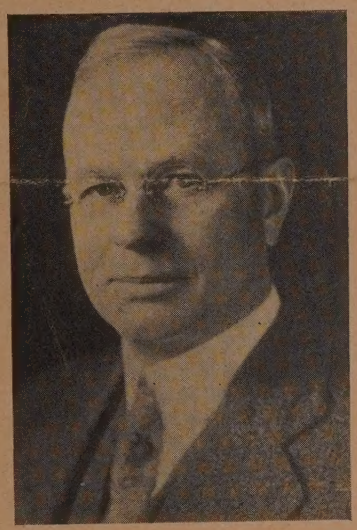
For the Camp itself, we have been thrilled to have in use the new Sherman and Greisinger cabins, where the boys have been housed. These buildings set a high standard for new construction undertaken by the camp commission. The new 10,000 gallon water tank and new pipe line has also given us good service, with an overflowing tank even in a very dry season.

At Grinnell

Northern California was represented at the General Council by forty-one different persons. Two units were unrepresented, but there were a good many visitors besides the delegates. Our own Ronald Bridges was widely regarded as one of the best moderators the Council had ever had. Rev. V. Loper was chairman of the Resolutions Committee. Superintendent Gill, as a vice-president of the American Board, presided at the opening session of the Board. Field Secretary Meyer was active at the college Congregational group, which were much in evidence before the General Council and during it. Mr. David H. Gill was on the Committee on Ministers' Salaries. Prof. Buell Gallagher presented the findings of the Seminar on Inter-race Relations. A number of our young people were in attendance, including Charles Gebhardt and Stanley Matthews of Sacramento and Harold Sauer of Fresno. We were well represented by young ministers, including Albert F. King, Terence Stoker, and Henry Hayden. George B. Martin, David H. Gill, Wm. Hawley Davis, and N. F. Sanderson ably participated in the Laymen's Conferences. Space prevents mention of all who were in attendance.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING

Three days jam packed full of high inspiration, interesting discussion, and careful planning will call together the delegates from Northern California's 100 Congregational churches, as they meet in annual conference at the Pioneer Church, Sacramento, October 22 to 24.



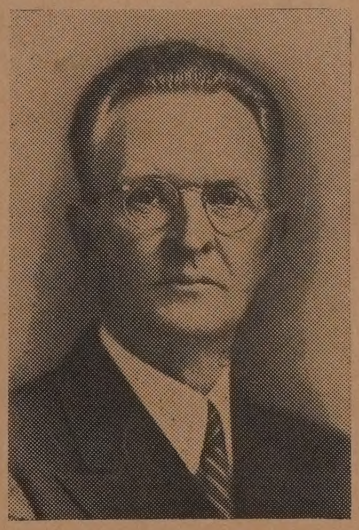
Dr. Albert W. Palmer, newly elected moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, radio minister of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles and formerly president of Chicago Theological Seminary. Dr. Palmer was pastor of Oakland, Plymouth Church, prior to the last world war. Both he and Mrs. Palmer will be speakers at the forthcoming State Conference meeting.

In addition to Dr. Timmons and Dr. Palmer, whose pictures appear in this issue, Dr. Fred L. Brownlee, secretary of the A.M.A. Division of the Board of Home Missions, will be one of our major speakers. His appearance, together with an evening of drama by the South Berkeley Community Church, will mark the 100th anniversary of the A.M.A.

President Ronald Bridges will be the speaker at the men's banquet, and Miss Sue Barnwell, former president of the Federation of Congregational Women of Southern California, will be the main speaker at the women's luncheon on Thursday. Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier will be a guest and will leave one of his helpful messages. Prof. Hugh Vernon White will speak on "Bringing Theology Down to Date." The Conference sermon will be preached by Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler of Fresno, and the memorial service will be conducted by Rev. Clarence Reidenbach.

There will be four seminars as follows: Art and Religion; Vital Evangelism; Racial Tensions; International Tensions. There will be an interesting round-table on "The State of the Church in America." Young people will gather for dinner on Wednesday night. There will be exhibits on Church Architecture, Race Relations, and Christian Education. Demonstrations will be given of audio-visual education material.

Hospitality arrangements and hotel accommodations are being studied and will soon be published. Registration fee will be $1.00. Churches should arrange to send many visitors in addition to their voting delegates.



Rev. Wofford C. Timmons, D.D. will be the chaplain of the meeting of the State Conference. He is associate secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches and executive of the Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life. He comes to his present post from a distinguished pastorate of the South Church in New Britain, Connecticut.

Finish the Job

Mr. N. F. Sanderson, Chairman for Northern California of the Unit Plan, desires to remind the churches and our lay people that we have raised two-thirds of our ten-year quota, and that it would be a splendid triumph if we could complete it this year. Northern California was asked for $30,000 as its share of maintaining the Original Plan Annuities at the level promised by the denomination. What a fine thing it would be if this could be put behind us once and for all! Churches and individuals are invited to contribute units of $100 each. Mr. Sanderson would be happy to hear by mail at his home address, 1331 Court St., Martinez, California.

AT SYLVAN DALE

Northern California was represented at the ministers' summer school at Sylvan Dale by Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith of Porterville, Rev. J. N. Sauer of Fresno, Rev. Lawrence D. Granger of Angels Camp, Rev. Emerson W. Harris of Eureka, Chaplain L. Verdette Walters, and, for a second time, Rev. Arthur L. Rice of Reno.

AT DOANE

Fourteen Northern California people, the largest number from any state except Nebraska, attended the National Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska immediately following the General Council. They included three adults and eleven young people.

Week-End Retreats of Laymen

By the time this issue of the Pacific reaches the readers the first of a series of laymen's Week-end Retreats will have been held. The churches of the Redwood Empire Association, together with a number from the Upper Bay, gathered at Cazadero on the 14th and 15th, under the leadership of Mr. Peirce Coombes, Prof. Buell Gallagher, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

The second Retreat will also be held at Cazadero, Sept. 21st and 22nd, and will be for the churches of the East Bay area. The team of leaders will be, Mr. C. T. Tinker, of Oakland; Rev. Frank E. Carlson, of Pacific School of Religion; Rev. Ralph V. Conard, of Alameda, and Supt. Harley H. Gill.

The other four Retreats will come later in the season during the months of November and December. They will be at the Drobish Ranch, near Marysville; at Vallicita, near Angels Camp; at Mount Hermon; and at Tulare. Further details will appear in subsequent issues of the Pacific.

The plan of all of the Retreats is identical. Sessions will begin at 2:30 on Saturday afternoon and will continue until after dinner Sunday noon. There will be a minimum of speech making, but full and frank discussion of fundamental questions which deeply concern our churches and our lay people. The Retreats are under the auspices of the Laymen's Commission.

PICTURES TO LEND

Enlarged pictures of a model Church School plant will be of interest to every church which is planning to build or to remodel. Although the photographs are of a large Church School, they will be of interest and benefit to any building committee or religious education board.

This set of pictures has been borrowed for several months from the national Division of Christian Education and is available from the Christian Education office, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley, on payment of postage both ways.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Twenty-four members of Plymouth House attended the Student Camp at Cazadero over Labor Day week-end. During the summer Plymouth House carried on an informal program and many students were drawn from the two summer sessions. Letters have been sent to Congregational churches asking for names of young people who are to enter the University in the coming semester. A fine series of events has been planned for the autumn. Rev. Ford Forsyth is our director.

OPEN FOR WEEK-ENDS

Congregational Cazadero is open for use by church groups—laymen, women's groups, church cabinets, youth groups. There are accommodations for 35 for indoor eating. Bring own bedding, food, cook, and pay 50 cents per person per day grounds fee.

Write at least two weeks in advance to Field Secretary Meyer, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, to reserve the camp, stating size and purpose of group, travel arrangements, time of arrival.

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Attention, Please!

Ministers, treasurers and all active members will want to study the following church by church list. The second column shows the giving of our churches to regular benevolences and the portion of the Postwar Emergency Fund administered by the Conference and the Boards, up to August 31st. Corresponding figures for a year ago are shown in column No. 1. It thus appears that the gain which had been maintained through the early months of the year has not been kept up during the summer. The increase, instead of being 50 per cent as it was earlier, is about 32 per cent. Unless this is improved in the remaining five months of the year we will not reach the goal which the Postwar Emergency Program needs and requests of us. Column No. 3 shows our gifts to the C.W.V.R. which is much more adequate. None of these figures show amounts sent directly to the Eastern Boards, but only those sent through the Conference Treasury.

	App't. Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 1945	App't. Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 1946	CWVR 1946
Adin	$ 28.80	$ 17.44	$ 31.36
Alameda	653.97	1,053.33	782.27
Alturas	63.10	102.66	100.56
Angels Camp	103.00	155.00	147.34
Antioch	75.16	25.38	
Auburn	115.50	140.85	121.00
Benicia	230.00		219.56
Berkeley—			
Arlington	77.99	53.62	92.50
Chinese		10.00	51.81
First	4,641.17	6,920.91	4,892.43
North	422.20	500.10	440.85
Northbrae			85.00
South	434.57	391.16	106.79
Biola			100.00
Campbell	154.00	83.00	68.00
Cedarville		67.50	
Cloverdale	47.95	41.72	3.00
Cotati	85.00	50.00	25.00
Crockett	31.79	49.98	16.96
Elk Grove			60.00
Eureka	345.63	503.30	277.33
Fairfax	65.94		
Ferndale	252.60	250.48	304.19
Fresno—			
First	550.00	705.00	902.90
Pilgrim	414.62	60.00	157.87
Glen Ellen	21.00	125.00	165.00
Grass Valley		25.00	
Gurneville	33.87	33.77	119.43
Hayward	100.00	10.00	345.00
Kenwood	11.46	8.45	
Lodi—			
Ebenezer			1,970.64
First	1,569.00	3,422.50	5,320.50
Loleta	51.23	7.62	
Loomis	80.18	200.00	
Martinez	295.88	669.50	339.70
Murphys	83.40	81.00	18.00
Niles	55.00	50.00	150.00
Oakland—			
First	3,570.60	4,322.57	1,128.87
Fruitvale	30.00	41.50	10.00
Japanese	15.00	30.00	
Pilgrim	45.00	83.45	138.95
Plymouth	736.84	933.98	3.00
Orinda	155.80	131.08	65.55
Oroville	224.35	614.89	500.40
Pacific Grove	265.15	137.10	
Palo Alto	525.00	840.00	360.00
Paradise	175.00	325.00	
Parlier		25.00	
Penngrove	61.35	28.40	41.26
Pescadero			81.01
Petaluma	627.25	336.00	
Pittsburg	157.94	216.16	80.10
Port Chicago	37.54	39.94	73.00
Porterville	800.00	600.00	725.00
Redwood City	210.07	212.04	334.47
Reedley	25.00		
Rio Vista	70.00	106.40	84.60
Ripon	182.60	212.17	193.95
Sacramento	640.00	1,050.00	1,010.00
Sacramento—			
Sierra-Arden		45.49	
Salida	86.00	35.00	
San Carlos	160.00	205.40	113.15
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	225.00	122.16	6.00
Chinese		20.00	30.00
First	558.27	1,166.66	371.30
Ocean View	66.15	75.00	15.00
Park Presidio	130.00	84.30	167.00
Sanger			247.32
San Jose	433.72	583.52	594.97
San Leandro	133.35	137.56	6.00
San Lorenzo			50.00
San Mateo	510.95	510.73	10.00
San Rafael	79.00	42.55	
Santa Cruz	475.00	730.00	232.00
Santa Rosa	132.00	204.46	
Saratoga	351.05	387.56	177.84
Sebastopol	221.60	276.11	177.40
Sonoma	46.68	120.85	97.30
Soquel	90.00		99.00
Stockton	468.74	610.63	491.12
Suisun	75.00	101.94	102.78
Sunnyvale		75.00	
Tulare	565.00	590.33	
Weaverville	75.00	100.00	65.55
Woodside	23.80	11.50	92.43
Reno, Nevada	364.40	575.86	131.80
*Miscellaneous	856.75	1,052.01	1,113.35
	$25,775.38	$33,964.77	$26,636.47

*Some small gifts for the Conference from our German speaking churches are included in the miscellaneous items. Their main giving goes to the treasury of the National German Conference.

For Ministers

In absence of the Pastors' Book Club, members of the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion have submitted a list of recommended reading for ministers, from which the following have been chosen:

"The Minister Teaches Religion," by Frank A. Lindhorst, (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

"Faith and Reason," by Nels F. S. Ferre (Harpers, $2.50)

"The Anatomy of Peace," by Emery Reves (Harper & Bros., $2.00)

"The Christian Answer," by Henry P. Van Dusen, (Scribner, $2.50)

"The Significance of Silence," by Leslie Weatherhead, (Abingdon, $2.00)

"Color and Conscience: The Irrepressible Conflict," by Buell G. Gallagher (Harper & Bros., $2.50)

"The Beginning of Christianity," by Clarence T. Craig, (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

"Light from the Ancient Past," by Jack Finegan, (Princeton University Press)

"The Relevance of the Prophets," by R. B. Y. Scott (New York, Macmillan Co., $2.50)

REV. D. QUINCY GRABILL

Rev. D. Quincy Grabill, pastor of Niles Congregational Church, passed away on July 21 while on vacation at his former home in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, after an illness of only a few hours. He was born in Osceola, Iowa in 1877. He was a graduate of Knox College, Ill. and of Chicago Theological Seminary. In 1905 he was married to Elizabeth Wilson, who with three children survives him. He held pastorates in Utah and Wisconsin before coming to California. Following the First World War, when he was Secretary of the Wisconsin Council of Defense, he was in business with the James Company, manufacturing dairy equipment. In Niles he had been president of the Rotary Club and was president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was held in great esteem by the entire community. A Memorial service was held in the Niles Church on August 25, in which tribute was paid him by representatives of the community and the Conference. Mrs. Grabill will make her home in Southern California.

MRS. ARTHUR T. DAVIES

Late in August Mrs. Arthur T. Davies, the wife of Rev. A. T. Davies, passed away in Oakland. Mr. Davies is the Protestant chaplain of Fairmount Hospital and is well known in our Congregational Fellowship.

HEED THE CALL

RESOLVED, that the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, assembled in Grinnell, Iowa, June 24, 1946

I. Calls upon the churches and people of our Fellowship

1. To pursue earnestly and courageously the aims of the Postwar Emergency Program, to put the objectives of this program into effect within the life and leadership of each church; to attain and go beyond the financial goals already established to the end that the pitiful suffering of the peoples of war victimized countries may be alleviated, and that our churches at home and abroad may go from strength to strength in meeting postwar needs and opportunities.

2. To increase their goals for gifts to the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction from an average minimum of $1.30 per member per year to an average minimum of $2.00 per member per year, so as to provide at least an additional $1,000,000 for relief and for reconstruction of churches and church life in Europe and Asia; to set as our goal for Increased Apportionment Giving a minimum of 40 per cent increase over 1945 rather than 33⅓ per cent, in order that our total Postwar Emergency Program may be adequately realized, and the grand total financial goal of $6,114,576 be fully attained.

II. Requests each delegate to this meeting to assume personal initiative and responsibility in encouraging and assisting the churches he or she represents to do their full share and more in this emergency effort to meet dire needs and strategic opportunities.

"In His name and for their sake."

REV. CHARLES LEON MEARS

Rev. Charles Leon Mears passed away at Chula Vista, California, on July 10, 1946 after an illness lasting many months. He was born in Lowell, Michigan, November 8, 1869. He was educated at Olivet College, Mich. and Chicago Theological Seminary. He was ordained just fifty years ago at his first pastorate, Excelsior, Minnesota. Other pastorates were at Snohomish, Washington; Reno, Nevada; Alameda, California; Lynnhurst Church, Minneapolis; La Crosse, Wisconsin; La Jolla, California; and Fairfax, California. He retired in 1940 after 44 years of service. He is survived by Mrs. Mears, whom he married 49 years ago, and five children. He was a man who honored the Christian ministry. He was exceptionally faithful and effective as a pastor and in every parish held the undying affection of his people.

PALO ALTO. Rev. Augustine Jones has presented his resignation as pastor to take effect on January 1, 1947, which will be the completion of seven years of service. He and Mrs. Jones plan to continue their residence at their beautiful home in Palo Alto and to take active part in the many good things in which they are interested. Dr. Jones is a representative of our Conference to the Northenr California Council of Churches, is a member of the Conference Board, and always much in demand on the faculties of our young people's camps.

COTATI. This church has been cared for by supply ministers during the summer and canvass has been made of the community, and it is hoped someone can be found who will be able to live on the field and carry the work with full time service.

Lost and Found

Rev. Edward Hildebrand of Sanger sent a substantial check for the CWVR with this interesting story:

He had found a wristwatch on the pavement and went to the newspaper office, and found that already an advertisement had appeared by the loser. A Spanish lady came to claim the watch, saying that it belonged to her brother who had been killed in action and this was the only personal remembrance from him. She offered a reward, which was declined by the minister, but she insisted saying that she had promised the Virgin Mary she would give such a reward. Mr. Hildebrand then suggested that she permit him to give the reward for some worthy cause, and she consented. It amounted to $25.00. He told the story in his church, giving opportunity to add to it, and people responded generously. In the letter of remittance, Mr. Hildebrand said, "The war caused it to come into my hands and it shall go back, not to cause more suffering but to relieve it."

ORINDA. The student summer service team spent one week in Orinda visiting 218 families and talking with 138 people, thus uncovering some new prospects. During the vacation of Rev. Fred Morrow laymen of the church occupied the pulpit. The church has secured additional property to make possible a more adequate building project.

PARADISE. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall has closed his work at Paradise and is moving to San Jose. In the eight years of his leadership the property of the church has been improved and paid for and the church in every way is stronger. Paradise now provides one of the greatest opportunities of any rural field in the Conference.

ALAMEDA. When Rev. Ralph V. Conard was installed as president of the Rotary Club, his predecessor appeared from behind a curtain wearing a pulpit gown and carrying two offertory plates, and while the group sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers," a collection was received which was sent for China relief.

PORTERVILLE. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith attended the summer school for ministers at Sylvan Dale. Services were omitted as usual in August, except for union evening gatherings. The women's meeting for the San Joaquin Valley will be held in Porterville on September 24.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. After negotiations, lasting several months, with a church of another denomination, it has been decided that this church will go forward with its own program in its own building and secure as able a minister as possible.

GUERNEVILLE. On several Sundays during the summer the church was filled to capacity. New chairs are being ordered. Eight young people attended camps at Cazadero and a successful vacation church school was held. Rev. Henry Hayden is the pastor.

There are many news items from a number of churches that should have been included in this issue. Space does not permit. May we be forgiven this time?

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MINSTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN CARLOS. Rev. H. J. Loken resigned after a number of years as the distinguished minister of this church, it being his feeling that with the rapidly expanding program which must be carried out in San Carlos another man should begin and carry it through. His resignation was received with deep regret. A farewell party was given and a purse presented to the Lokens with a total of $180. There were tributes from the various departments of the church and many, many expressions of affection from both church and community. Rev. Weldon Batty, the assistant minister, has been carrying on pending the calling of a permanent minister.

TULARE. The younger women of the church on their own initiative have organized the Priscilla Society in the interest of service to the church and of social life. It is an active group and they are off at a good start. Their first project is to redecorate the church nursery. They are working in full cooperation with the larger women's group. The city superintendent of recreation, who is joining the church, will assist in the Sunday School and young people's social activities this autumn. Rev. Clayton H.

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. Forrest P. Knapp has closed his work in this county. A farewell party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Knapp by the Weaverville church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have been active in the community and will be greatly missed by everyone. They were presented with a beautiful electric clock and the young people gave them a lovely blanket. Rev. William F. Keeney, a recent graduate from Pacific School of Religion and pastor at Pescadero, has been called and is on the field and at work.

SAN LORENZO. A vacation church school with enrollment of 162 children was carried out with the assistance of the team of student summer service workers. Paymond Woodruff has continued to ring doorbells and meet new people. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, the pastor, has been devoting himself to preliminary plans for what is hoped to be a new church plant.

KENWOOD. Rev. H. J. Loken, formerly of San Carlos, began his pastorate on September 8. A reception was given to the Lokens on Friday, the 13th, at the Club House. Mr. Loken will also serve as chaplain for the Sonoma State Home at Eldridge. The church was without a minister since the death of Rev. Frank E. Boren more than a year ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. This church has called Rev. Samuel J. Vernon, a chaplain with the rank of Major, and he has been on the job since July 1. Prior to the war he had work in South Dakota and Maine. His son, Walter, helped with the launching of young people's groups and will enter the Pacific School of Religion this autumn.

CROCKETT. During the vacation of the pastor, Rev. C. Virgil Carlson, Rev. Westwood Wallace supplied the pulpit. Four young people attended the Presbyterian Junior High Conference at Camp Duncan. Mr. Carlson was on the faculty for one week at Cazadero. A young married people's group is on the way.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. In addition to carrying the work of this church, Rev. Norio Ozaki has been doing extension work among Japanese in various areas.

PENNGROVE. This church is happy in the leadership of Rev. George Hetenyi. Mr. Hetenyi, who was educated and ordained as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, united with the Congregational Church and appeared before the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing. He has been at Penngrove for three months and will continue. Congregations have reached high levels. A great social occasion and barbecue dinner for the entire community brought together about 350 people. On July 8 a dear little baby girl, Diana Louise, came to bless the Hetenyi home. Mrs. Hetenyi was active in the Lutheran Church prior to her marriage.

LODI, FIRST. With the other Protestant churches, this church participated in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools which had enrollments totaling 375 pupils. Nine Pilgrim Fellowship young people were given a week at Yosemite National Park as a reward for perfect attendance at the Pastor's Class. Two Lodi young people serve as officers of the Central Area of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Boone attended a week of prayer at Camp Farthest Out near Claremont under the leadership of Dr. Glen Clark and Dr. Frank Laubach.

FAIRFAX. Rev. Rudolph Caughey has resigned and will retire from the active ministry. The church has secured Mr. Frank K. McDowell, recently released from the Army and a student at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell will live in Fairfax and will be able to devote a very considerable part of their time to the work of the church. The Pacific wishes to pay tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Caughey, who have been such fine friends and have done such thoroughgoing work at both Crockett and Fairfax.

ALTURAS. Rev. R. D. Licklider closed his work in August in order to become a member of the staff of the First Baptist Church, San Diego. Mr. Licklider had been in Alturas only about two years but had endeared himself to church and community. An active search is now being conducted for a Congregational minister who will serve both Congregational and Baptist groups which are now federated.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. Robert W. Inglis was honored at the commencement of the Pacific School of Religion by being given the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Miss Mary Coxhead has returned from a year of service in London under the Congregational Service Committee and was the speaker at a largely attended luncheon of the Women's League.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA-ARDEN. It will be necessary to use three different homes this autumn to house the church school. Activities were carried forward through the summer. The Development Committee is pushing plans for a new building when the Federal officials will permit the erection of the same. The Reverends Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chester are in charge.

SANTA CRUZ. Summer congregations have held a high level. Dr. Frederick Essig, who is to be on the faculty of the Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo, gave valuable help in young people's work. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

ADIN. Rev. R. S. Nickerson has concluded his work as summer supply minister and the church has not as yet been able to secure a permanent pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. On Tuesday, June 11th, James P. Senter was ordained to the Christian ministry in the Sebastopol Church of which he is pastor. Rev. Frank E. Carlson preached the ordination sermon and Rev. Gordon L. Foster offered the ordaining prayer. Other ministers participating in the program were Rev. W. W. Meyer, Rev. Herbert C. Gans, and Rev. Charles C. Champlin. The members of the Sebastopol Church and friends in the community presented Mr. Senter the cash for a new automobile when such becomes available, thus bearing eloquent and effective testimony of their regard for him.

CEDARVILLE. Rev. Terence Stoker has returned to Cedarville after an extended trip East, during which time he was married, on the 28th of June, in Buffalo, New York, to a charming young lady, Miss Josephine A. Pileri, whom he had met in Alturas and who had been a teacher in the high school. Rev. David Stowe, well known in Northern California, performed the ceremony and Rev. Henry Hayden, of Guerneville, was best man. The Pacific joins with the people of Cedarville in welcoming this fine young couple to the work in Surprise Valley.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On Youth Sunday two young people participated in the morning services, speaking on "Why I Am Joining the Church" and "What Church Membership Means to Me." Thirteen young people came into fellowship and also six adults. During the vacation of Rev. Clarence Reidenbach the pulpit was supplied by Doctors George Hedley, Ralph Waddell, C. C. McCown, and Randolph Miller. The church was hostess for the August meeting of the Oakland Council of Churches.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The members of this church were stunned upon receiving a communication from Rev. Byron Eshelman that he was resigning as of November 3, to accept the chaplaincy at Alcatraz Federal Prison. This is the kind of work for which Mr. Eshelman feels he is especially fitted and he felt strongly drawn to the opportunity. The church has as yet had no time to lay any plans for the future.

SAN JOSE. In addition to money given through regular channels of our denomination for relief, nearly $500 has been given through other agencies, and about 3350 pounds of food and clothing shipped to specific families in Europe. Rev. Stephen Peabody, before going to Grinnell, preached a series of sermons on "Living Religions of the World." The local rabbi completed the series by a talk on "Judaism."

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. There was an enrollment of 126 in the vacation church school, and in addition nineteen adult leaders. Contract has been let for a new roof. The church also is in possession of a new Estey electric organ. Mr. Roy Nichols and Rev. Buell Gallagher are the pastors.

ANTIOCH. Rev. Stanley Marple, recently released from the chaplaincy of the United States Army, has been called and is at work on the field. Prior to his chaplaincy he served the First Church of Weymouth, Mass., for twenty-one years.

PESCADERO. Rev. William F. Keeney has closed his work and the church will be cared for by Mr. Don Kirkbride, student at Pacific School of Religion, beginning the last Sunday of September.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Gordon L. Foster has resigned and taken his departure in order to study at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. His leaving was deeply regretted by the congregation and by a very large number of Santa Rosa people. Before Mr. Foster had left, the church called Mr. George Tolson, Jr. Mr. Tolson is the son of Prof. George T. Tolson, who formerly was on the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion. The son is a graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary and is now on the field at work. He looks forward to ordination in the not far distant future.

SOQUEL. A church camp for children and youth at a former well-known Memorial Springs resort was a decided success. The property has been improved, making it still more suitable for camp activities. Twenty-six girls and boys were in camp under the direction of student summer workers, Ellen Sargent and Ernest Littell. The church has dedicated a landscaped area in honor of Mr. Ed West, beloved pioneer of the community and church. It helps provide an attractive setting for "The Little White Church." Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

SONOMA. Rev. E. W. Perry closed his work at this church in July, going to a Presbyterian Church in Washington. After a number of weeks of search, Rev. Joseph O. Todd has been called and will begin work not later than November 1st. Mr. Todd has been pastor since 1935 of the Pilgrim Church of Worcester, Mass., where he has done an outstanding and distinguished piece of work. The Sonoma Church is now engaged in remodeling the parsonage.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, minister. At the May meeting, the Men's Club, after hearing Dr. Paul L. Kirk of the University of California speak on the political aspects of atomic energy, formulated a resolution wholeheartedly endorsing the Douglas-McMadon Bill which puts the control of atomic energy in the hands of civilians. The resolution was signed by the members and promptly forwarded to the Honorable John H. Tolen.

HAYWARD. Sunday, September 15, was "Roll Call Day" for members of the Church School and the adult congregation. The church has a new library. The old parsonage will be renovated to provide nursery, classrooms, and library, in order to care for the expanding program. Rev. Richard Norberg is pastor.

CAMPBELL. Organ chimes were recently dedicated. They were given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Smith, prior residents. Nine young people accompanied the minister to the West Bay Conference at Cazadero. Rev. Robert Carlson has been a member of the San Jose Symphony Orchestra this past year.

RENO, NEVADA. Another stained-glass window has been installed and dedicated, the title being "Courage," and the portrayal being that of the youthful David ready for his encounter with Goliath. Rev. A. L. Rice is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

There will be no meeting of the Federation in September.

AUGUST MEETING REPORT

The Federation of Congregational Women met Thursday, August 29, in the First Church of Oakland — the usual place, though not the usual time. There had been some question as to whether the change of date from the third to the fifth Thursday would result in smaller attendance, but there was an increase.

Several announcements were made in the Executive session. The Nominating Committee, Mrs. Z. W. Booth chairman, announced that Mrs. Lance Barden of Orinda will be Recording Secretary in place of Mrs. Charles McTaggart of Martinez who is unable to continue. Mrs. Barden's address is 11 Ardilla Road. Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Program Chairman, gave the dates and place for the Annual Meeting of the Northern California Conference. The Conference is returning to the plan of a three-day period of meetings. These will be held in Sacramento, beginning Tuesday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m. and closing after the evening session on Thursday, October 24. The Women's Luncheon—the only occasion at which we separate from the main Conference—will be held on Thursday, and the speaker will be Miss Sue Barnwell, Past President of the Southern California Conference. There will also be a dinner for women Wednesday evening with Mrs. Albert Palmer as speaker.

After some discussion, the date for our Annual Meeting was changed from the usual third to the fifth Thursday in January. This is necessary because of a change in the date of the Midwinter Conference, which our Presidents always attend.

Mrs. James Cooper, Thank Offering Secretary, opened the general session by a dramatic monologue, showing how one woman's interest in missionary giving was stimulated by the presence on her table of the thank offering box. It was delightfully given and very effective. Your editor is sure Mrs. Cooper would be glad to tell you where the monologue may be obtained. Mrs. Cooper's address is 512 Mitchell Ave., San Leandro.

Reports from the M.E.M Conference at Asilomar followed. For many the return to Asilomar was a return home, and it was signalized by a large attendance, more than double that of last year. As usual, the largest delegation was from the Christian Church, but—also as usual—Congregationalists were second. Your editor must regretfully state, however, that the second was a long, long way behind. The Christian Church had 138; we had 42! As our own Dr. Hugh Vernon White is President of the M.E.M. Board, we certainly should give him better support. Next summer the plan is to have a six-day period for the Conference. The dates are tentative—probably August 8 to 14, or the preceding week. One new feature this year is a course for the older young people who will be leaders among their own group.

Mrs. Charles Stanley, Foreign Field Secretary, spoke on the foreign study-books, and reviewed briefly two of them: "India at the Threshold," by Winifred Bryce, and "Behind Mud Walls," by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wiser, an especially delightful book, which Mrs. Stanley's resumé made us all want to read. Other books mentioned were: "Our Country is India," by several young Indians, which tells us what India herself is thinking; "Salute to India," by J. Z. Hodge, especially good; a fully-illustrated pamphlet, "This is India;" "Fun and Festival for India" and "Tales from India," these particularly for younger people.

Mrs. William Meyer, Home Field Secretary, brought us books on the Home Field. The main book is written by Dr. Buell Gallagher, whom we all know. It is "The Portrait of a Pilgrim." The sub-title gives the theme of the book: "A Search for the Christian Way in Race Relations." As Mrs. Meyer pointed out, the Home topic this year is not Race Relations but the Christian and Race Relations. Dr. Gallagher's plan for the development of his thought is original and arresting, as Mrs. Meyer's summary showed us. Other books mentioned were "Seeking to be Christian in Race Relations;" "Sense and Nonsense About Race" (a small booklet packed full of scientific information by an eminent anthropologist); "Know—Then Act." All these books, both in Home and Foreign field, may be obtained through the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2, California. Mrs. Laura Clark of the South Berkeley Community Church and one of our Directors, spoke of Dr. Gallagher's latest book, just off the press, "Color and Conscience." This book, as well as "Portrait of a Pilgrim," may be obtained from the Pacific Book Service.

Our devotions were led by Mrs. May Ricker Conard. Mrs. Dennis Goodsell told us of the safe arrival of her granddaughter, Mrs. Linda Goodsell Blake, at Izmir, Turkey, to begin again her work there. Mrs. L. K. Doty, Friendly Service Secretary, read a list—far too long—of churches that had not completed their quotas, and in some cases had not indicated their acceptance of them. Please check up on your own church and if it is among that number, start the good work at once. Mrs. Ernest Evans from Mill Valley spoke of our good fortune in having Dr. Leighton Stuart as our Ambassador to China.

Mrs. Stephen Peabody, Social Action Secretary, with the help of three ladies from Santa Clara Association, put on an ingenious and entertaining skit, based on "The Washington Report," and designed to inform us of the stand of our own Senators and Representatives on the vital issues before the country today. Mrs. Peabody is the author of the skit, and will send copies to any one writing her. Address her, 70 South 17 St., San Jose. This represents the fifth of our Thank Offering projects, concerning which we are apt to be a little vague.

The very interesting reports from the various Association Presidents have been omitted from this issue to the "Pacific," as next month is given over wholly to their activities. Will the Presidents please take note of this, and reply promptly and fully to the letters sent out asking for their co-operation.

The September Fall Rallies for the Women's Associations will be as follows:

Sept. 17—Redwood Empire, at Cotati
Sept. 18—Santa Clara, at Santa Cruz
Sept. 19—Bay, at Oakland, Plymouth Church.
Sept. 24—San Joaquin, at Porterville
Sept. 25—Central, at Salida
Sept. 26—Sacramento, at Oroville
Sept. 27—Upper Bay, at Martinez

Present with Mrs. James Price at all these meetings will be Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, a Secretary of the Women's Council, and dynamic speaker. Make a special effort to hear her.

Student Summer Service Team which served at San Lorenzo. Reading from left to right: Celia Elmore, Earnie Lidell, Avonne Ravekes, and Helen Sargent.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. There was a splendid vacation school at Angels Camp. A social center is being set up on the recently purchased property of Rev. Lawrence D. Granger, pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. After many months of searching, the church has secured as its pastor Rev. W. C. Besselievre, formerly of Pierre, South Dakota, and more recently a chaplain in the United States Army. Mr. Besselievre has taken hold with fine strength of leadership.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. At the September communion twenty-three new members were received into fellowship. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is pastor.

Rev. Charles Nicholas Queen passed away in Southern California on June 28th after a very long illness and many months of helplessness. Mr. Queen at one time was pastor of the First Congregational Church of Fresno. He was born in West Virginia in 1861 and held pastorates in Kansas and Ohio and in Southern California.

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